

(Task #2920)

**Bond Release Findings**

April 13, 2009

**Mine Name:** Unpermitted Mine  
**Operator:** DJN Rockwalls  
Shawn Nay

**I.D. No.:** S/049/0056  
**Mineral Ownership:** Fee  
**Surface Ownership:** Fee

**Disturbed and Bonded Area:** 5 Acres**Acres Requested for Full Release:** 5 acres**Acres to be Release with this Action:** 5 acres

*Comments: (if no acreage to be released, but only monies, describe why? (i.e. drill hole plugging only)*

**Surety****Total Surety Amount:** \$1,000**Form:** Cash**Amount Requested for Release:** \$1,000**Amount to be Released with this Action:** \$1,000**Operations**

*This site was originally disturbed by collecting surface boulders with a trackhoe outside the permitted operations. A Cessation Order was issued, and abatement required permitting the area as a LMO or Reclaiming the site. A reclamation surety was required to cover revegetation efforts. Activities were conducted over approximately 5 acre area (not all of the 5 acres were disturbed). The operator opted to reclaim the area, the file number was set up to track the surety posted.*

*The area was seeded in the fall of 2006, after a wildfire burned through the area (the entire fire area was seeded, not just the mine- related disturbance). The vegetation establishment was monitored every summer during site visits to inspect adjacent quarry operations. In 2007, a portion of this reclaimed area was re-disturbed by an adjacent operator, and has subsequently been included in that permit.*

**Reclamation**

*Reclamation of the disturbance required minor regrading and scattering of boulders, and broadcast seeding (the area received a second aerial seeding as part of the wildfire rehab work). All reclamation work was completed by December 1, 2006. Pre-existing two-track roads in the area were not reclaimed, although they were seeded during the aerial seeding operation.*

**Recommendation**

*Established dominant vegetation consists of crested wheatgrass, intermediate wheatgrass, sagebrush, and sunflower. Vegetation ground cover is equal to the surrounding area cover of about 15%. Since this is 70% or greater of the surrounding vegetation, and it has survived for 3 growing seasons, it is recommended that the requested full release be approved.*

  
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